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Fair Exhibit Will Play Up ASFA's Goals



By Anya Armes Weber, CFC Communications

The countdown to the Kentucky State Fair continues. As the Fair planning team makes its final preparations to welcome Fair visitors to our "home," we'd like to tell you a little more about the underlying theme of CFC's display -- the federal Adoption and Safe Families Act (ASFA).

Implemented in Kentucky in 1998, ASFA stresses the safety, well-being and permanent placement of children. It uses funding incentives to prod states to reduce the time kids spend in foster care before becoming part of a true home – whether with birth families, other relatives or adoptive parents.

ASFA is the policy umbrella covering all of CFC's efforts. At the State Fair, the CFC exhibit's two professionally created elements will give ASFA the attention it deserves.

The first thing visitors will see when they walk in to our house will be a 4- by 6-foot display of several photos, including images of children, primary caregivers, neighbors and other people who could form part of a child's support system. A combination of images will light up every several seconds. Our photo display shows that protecting children takes loving parents, helpful neighbors and caring communities.

Kentucky's ASFA marketing campaign borrows heavily from the language and imagery of basketball. The Fair exhibit will give life to a campaign slogan — "Kentucky's Best 3-Point Play: Safe, Secure and Healthy Kids."

Before exiting the exhibit, visitors will have a chance to make their own 3-point play at a goal-shooting activity on the home's garage door. The slogan, imprinted on the door, will light up when a ball goes through the hoop.

While we'll greet visitors with one ASFA-related message and bid them goodbye with another, there's room in our spacious (1,200 square foot) home for eye-catching displays that inform

them about many other CFC programs and services.

KENTUCKY STATE FAIR

Make plans to visit the Kentucky State Fair from Aug. 17-27 in Louisville. Look for more details about CFC's display soon.

T Minus 17 Days ...

By Lisa Aug, CFC Communications

... and counting to the official start of the Great CFC-CHS Floor Swap on August 1. But preparatory work that started with building the new CHS executive pod on the 5th Floor in May kicks into a higher gear this weekend.

By Monday, the outer offices in the CFC executive pod on the 4th Floor will sparkle with new paint and carpet and their previous and new occupants will have moved in. Workers will also install odor and dust barriers in two sections of the 4th Floor ready for paint and new carpet. Those two areas are:

- the reception area in front of the executive pod and the Office of Communications on the outer wall between Stairway B and the back of the executive pod. (Communications staff will move to temporary space west of the barrier.)
- the area at the east of the CHR building recently vacated by the CHS Office of Inspector General.

The current draft moving schedule allows 16 days for those two areas to be repainted and carpeted. Leasing and Design staff will then have five days to build new offices for CFC staff to move into.

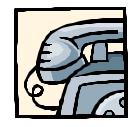
That work will tip the first of the moving "dominos". Staff will move into new offices in refurbished areas, opening up the next space for refurbishing, and so on until both the 4th and 5th Floors are complete.

The current draft schedule is extremely ambitious, aiming to have everyone into their permanent space as soon as possible after the first of the year.

If you have any questions, please send them to lisa.aug@mail.state.ky.us.

Pipeline, a weekly newsletter for employees of the Cabinet for Families and Children, welcomes reader comments and contributions. Items for Pipeline are due by 4:30 p.m. Tuesday Call (502) 564-6180 or send information to Patricia Boler at Patricia.Boler@mail.state.ky.us

New 859 Area Code Mandatory October 1



By Amanda Hale, Public Service Commission

As July 1 marked the halfway point for the 859 permissive dialing period, the Public Service Commission reminds telephone customers that the new 859 area code will be mandatory October 1, 2000.

Permissive dialing for the 859 area code began three months ago on April 1, 2000. This six-month period allows customers to use either the old 606 or the new 859 code. During this time, customers can get into the habit of using the new area code, as well as have time to print new business cards, letterhead, checks, invoices and other stationery.

After October 1, 2000 customers accidentally dialing 606 when calling the 859 area will hear a recorded message reminding them of the new area code for that call.

Three months into the permissive dialing period, the Public Service Commission has only been notified of a few problems with the change. Those reporting problems have been mostly business customers. Business problems generally stem from out-of-state equipment that needs to be reprogrammed for the new code. If businesses have not updated their PBX systems to recognize the new 859 area code, the systems cannot route calls correctly when the 859 code is dialed.

In the split, area codes in eastern and south-central Kentucky keep the 606 area code, while the new 859 area code is designated for use in the rest of the former 606 area code region (northern and central Kentucky). An updated area code map is available at the Public Service Commission's web site at www.psc.state.ky.us.

The new area code is necessary to ease the rapid exhaustion of available telephone numbers in the 606 area code region. New technology, increased growth, and the introduction of competition in to the local telephone market are all factors that have caused number exhaustion in Kentucky and throughout the nation.

Estimates indicate that the 859 area code will provide relief for the central and northern Kentucky region for approximately 7.5 years.

To prepare for October 1 customers should make the following changes:

- " Changing stationery, business cards, and advertising to reflect the correct area code.
- Notifying friends, relatives, business clients, and customers of the new area code.

- " Updating fax machine group calling lists that have numbers affected by the change.
- " Reprogram outdial lists on personal computers that have numbers affected by the change.
- " Check with wireless phone and paging service providers as well as Internet Service Providers to see if reprogramming is required.

Businesses with PBX systems must reprogram those telephone systems in order to successfully make calls in the new 859 area code.

Retirement Receptions

There will be a group retirement reception for **Bobbie Slucher**, **Wanda Kinnaird**, **and Pam Miller** on **Tuesday**, **July 18** from 1 – 4:30 p.m. in the conference room at 730 Schenkel Lane. If you have questions, contact Takiyah Perkins at 564-2285, ext. 4470.

Terry Wilson, Division of Financial Management, is retiring. There will be a retirement reception held in her honor on **Wednesday**, **July 19** from 2:30 – 4 p.m. in the Ombudsman's Conference Room on the first floor of the CHR Building.

Thelma Cornett, Department for Community Based Services, Division of Policy Development is retiring after more than 31 years of service. A retirement reception will be held in her honor from 2 - 4 p.m. on **Wednesday**, **July 26** in the small room in the CHR Building cafeteria. Everyone is invited to attend and wish Thelma well in her retirement. If you have questions, you may contact Shirley Eldridge, Joyce Metts or Joyce Lea at 564-7536.

Roberta Roach, Division of Child Support, Technical Services Section, is retiring after 20 years of service in state government. A retirement reception will be held in her honor from 2 – 4 p.m. on **Thursday, July 27** in the first floor conference room at 730 Schenkel Lane. Everyone is invited to attend and wish Roberta well in her retirement. If you have questions, please contact Melissa Toy at 564-2285 ext.

There will be a retirement reception in honor of **Kay Kirkland**, Department for Medicaid Services, on **Friday**, **July 28** from 2 – 4 p.m. in the DMS Commissioner's Conference Room, 6W-A. RSVP by e-mail to Vonda Wallace or Cindy Watts.

Jo Ann Schmitt, Community Based Services, is retiring July 31. There will be a retirement reception held in her honor on **Friday**, **July 28** at 4 p.m. at the Office Pub and Deli, 614 Comanche Trail, Frankfort.